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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

◆ A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

SCAN is still urgently seeking volunteers to deliver the newsletter in a number of areas in Shankill *(See the notice above)*. If volunteers do not come forward we will have to cease delivering to some areas. We are asking for only an hour or two of your time each month to give to your community. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. Much appreciated and we will be in touch with you shortly.

Although we are encouraging people to engage with our website which has a digital copy of every recent issue of SCAN, as well as some older back issues, we do want to continue delivering physical copies of the newsletter if we can into the future. However we are completely dependent on volunteers to help us with this.

Currently members of the SCAN Team who have other important duties are having to fill in the gaps as regards distribution to some sizeable areas. This is unsustainable in the long term. So We find ourselves in the unhappy position of potentially having to cut out deliveries to some areas . It goes against our ethos of keeping the local community in touch with what is going on in Shankill but may turn out to be a necessity without further help. I think you can understand our dilemma.

◆ LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none.

Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 364 6067** or email *listeningear14@gmail.com* and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

◆ SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help?

You can call us directly at **087 696 2785**. Alternately, call 01 855 0022 or go online at *www.svp.ie.*

◆ BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre, Shankill.

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN
continued...

◆ AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

◆ BOOK SALE - SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday 7th of November and the following on 5th of December.

Venue: Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill D18 HW95
Time: 10am-1pm.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day of sale. Due to major storage issues these are limited to one small bag per person. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

◆ SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th of November and the following one on 9th December.

Venue: Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill D18 HW95
Time: 7.45 p.m.

Come along and enjoy some lovely music and a cuppa and chat.

◆ 2026 HSE ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Do you need some support with minding your health & wellbeing?
Are you interested in trying something new or in accessing supports but are not sure about what is available?
Would you like to meet new people or try out social groups?
Who we are
The DLR Social Prescribing Programme for Health & Wellbeing is a free service which can support you to connect with activities and services in your local community to improve your health & wellbeing.

- 4th November: **Understanding the Fair Deal Process** by *Nursing Department, Shankill Health Centre*
- 2nd December: **Getting Younger with Exercise** by *Physiotherapy Department, Shankill Health Centre*

Time: 12:00 to 13:00
Location: Shankill Health Centre, Group Room, Lower Road, Shankill

◆ "LITTER" RHYMES WITH "FITTER"

Joe Murray *(a reminder to residents to do all we can to keep Shankill tidy).*

Shankill could be a litter free zone
If we all took care of the litter we own
Cans and bottle are used for recycling
Smokers who discard their filter butts
Having passed the fag from mouth to food
They deserve some boot in the ash
Who's expected to pick up their trash?
Then there's all those plastic bags
They don't burn out like unextinguished fags
Blown in the wind and caught in trees and ditches
Torn and ragged make unsightly pitches
What about those dreaded take-away packs
Chinese, Italian or simply Mac's
Wouldn't it be simple if these were edible?
The loss of this litter would be just incredible.
Now that Shankill has entered the "Tidy Towns"
Lets put aside "tut tut" and frowns
To show we have community pride and spirit
To earn those points lets prove our merit
Volunteers young, middle and old
Must turn out without being told
Let's bend a little to lift that litter
Sure in the end we'll be much fitter.

ST ANNE'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 6th December

10am - 2pm

St Anne's Resource Centre

Shankill

Cake Stall
Christmas Raffles
Festive Stalls (ICA)
Quality Hampers
Hand Crafted Cards
Cosmetics, Arts & Crafts
Wheel of Fortune
Bottle Stall

CRAIC A PLENTY!

Visit Santa Claus

BUDGET 2027

Budget 2027 was announced in Dáil Éireann on Tuesday 6 October 2026 - Set out below is a short summary of the main points of interest from Budget 2027 for your information. All increases will apply from January 2027 unless otherwise stated

Social welfare - pensions will **increase by €10**. There will be proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment.

Child Support Payment - the weekly rate will increase by €6 for both children under 12 and those aged 12 and over

Christmas bonus will be paid to people getting a long-term social welfare payment **in the week starting 7 December 2026.**

Working Family Payment - income limits will increase by €30 a week for all family sizes

Fuel Allowance will increase by €5 per week; **Living Alone Increase** - will increase by €3 per week

Carers Allowance - **From July 2027**, the weekly income disregard (means test) will increase to: €1,150 for a single person and €2,300 for a couple

Wage Subsidy Scheme - The minimum hours required to qualify for this scheme will reduce from 15 hours to 8 hours per week from **April 2027**. The Wage Subsidy Scheme will be extended to people moving to Partial Capacity Benefit from Illness Benefit

The National Minimum wage will increase by 79 cents to €14.94 per hour.

Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) - **Employer PRSI** threshold will increase from €552 to €600 for 2027

New – a cost of disability payment of €500 will be paid to people getting a long-term disability payment. The lump sum will be paid in 2027.

Income disregards (means test) - From **July 2027**, the earnings disregard from employment will increase by €10 to €175 per week for the following payments: One-Parent Family Payment; Jobseeker's Transitional Payment; Disability Allowance; Blind Pension.

Tax - Income tax bands. Income tax will remain the same at 20% and 40%. The **standard rate income tax** band will be increased by €2,500 to €46,500 for a single person, with proportionate increases for married couples and civil partners.

The following **Tax credits** will increase by €125 to €2,125: Personal tax credit; Employee tax credit; Earned Income tax credit; The Home Carer Credit will increase by €100 to €2,050.; The Rent Tax Credit will increase by €150 to €1,150 for a single person.

Universal Social Charge (USC) - The 2% rate band limit for USC will increase to €30,300 (from €28,700).

The group thresholds for **Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT)** will increase: Group A to €420,000 (from €400,000); Group B to €44,000 (from €40,000); Group C to €22,000 (from €20,000).

The increased Group thresholds apply to gifts and inheritances taken on or after **7 October 2026**.

The rate of **Capital Gains Tax** will be reduced from 33% to 31% for disposals on or after 7 October 2026.

Fuel taxes - The temporary reductions in petrol and diesel excise rates have been extended to 28 February 2027. Carbon tax on kerosene and natural gas will be reduced to €48.50 per tonne for the duration of this government. The rate for petrol and diesel will remain at €71 per tonne until 1 May 2027, when it will increase to €78.50 per tonne.

A new Investment account will be available from **1 July 2027.** It will have a tax-free threshold of €50,000 with a 1% tax on amounts above that.

Excise duty - A packet of **20 cigarettes** will increase by €1 (including VAT), with a pro-rata increase on other tobacco products. The rate for vapes will be increased from 50 cent to 70 cent per ml of e-liquid (excluding VAT).

Housing - Help to Buy Scheme - The maximum amount you can claim with the Help to Buy Scheme increased from €30,000 to €35,000 and applies from 6 October 2026.

The **Rent Tax Credit** will increase by €150 a year.

The **Rent a room tax relief** is increasing from €14,000 to €16,000 a year

Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) - The €5,000 VRT relief for electric vehicles is extended until 31 December 2028. There will be a 1% increase in VRT rates for cars in bands 3 to 20 which will apply to cars with CO^2 emissions of more than 80g/km.

Childcare costs - From **September 2027**, families with a reckonable income of €38,500 or less will be able to get the maximum income-assessed subsidy through the National Childcare Scheme. The multiple child discount for families with 2 children under 15 will increase from €5,500 to €6,000. The discount for families with 3 or more children under 15 will increase from €11,000 to €12,500.

Reduced fees for children up to senior infants' age - The National Childcare Scheme's universal subsidy will increase from €2.14 to €2.50 for children up to and including senior infants. Childcare fees for this age group will be capped at €137.50 per week, or €550 a month (down from €735 per month).

Supports for childminders who will be able to earn up to €20,000 a year tax-free. The limit of 3 children will be removed.

Third level Student Contribution fees will be permanently reduced by €150 a year, from €2,500 to €2,350.; **Student Grant Scheme** - From January 2027, maintenance grants will be increased by 4.5% across every band.

(Source: www.gov.ie and www.citizensinformation.ie)

TREE OF THE MONTH

by Maria Jose

HAWTHORN

This is tree number two on the **Shankill Tree Trail**. **Hawthorn** — ***Crataegus monogyna*** — is known in Irish as ***Sceach Gheal***, meaning "the bright" or "white thorn." It is one of Ireland's most familiar native deciduous trees, often found in hedgerows, fields, and along quiet country roads. Though modest in size, the hawthorn holds an extraordinary place in Irish culture, folklore, and rural life. Its presence and cultural significance is integral to the Irish countryside.Hawthorn trees line the path off Corbawn Lane leading to Shankill DART Station. In late spring, when they burst into blossom, their beauty is truly breathtaking.

The leaves of the hawthorn tree are small and deeply lobed, almost hand-shaped with gentle points. Then, in spring, the tree transforms and appears to be covered in clouds of white and sometimes soft pink flowers. These blossoms are rich in nectar and are an important food source for bees and other pollinators. By autumn, the flowers give way to bright red berries called haws. These berries are a favourite food of yellowhammers, thrushes, and winter-visiting waxwings. Did you know that long ago, children in Ireland would nibble the young hawthorn leaves in spring, sometimes calling them "bread and cheese?"

Hawthorn played an important role in traditional medicine. Its leaves and flowers were used in remedies to support the heart and were valued for their gentle, calming qualities. But perhaps most importantly, the hawthorn is woven into Irish myth and belief. Hawthorns were seen as guardians of the land with strong associations with the fairy world. Lone hawthorn trees, often called fairy thorns, were treated with deep respect and cutting one down was believed to bring misfortune. Unlike oak or ash, hawthorn rarely forms great forests. Instead, it shapes the countryside through hedgerows and solitary trees standing proudly in fields or at crossroads. One of the most well-known fairy trees stands at the **Hill of Tara in County Meath**, a place where history, myth, and landscape meet.

Shankill Tidy Towns

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Bethany Bereavement Support *by Ann Hunt*

ADULTS GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A SIBLING

Losing a sibling later in life makes us think about our own death in a way a parent's death may not. A parent is from a generation ahead of us, but a sibling belongs to ours. We suddenly take stock of our health, our relationships, and the things we kept putting off.

Sibling relationships are often the longest and closest connections we have in life. With our siblings we may have known them from the start of our lives and we are involved with them nearly to the end. Each family has its own shared experiences that are part of that family. As a family grows it develops certain characteristics, shared interests, some rivalry, and competitiveness among individuals. However, as siblings get older, they often go their own way and yet some still remain very close.

When a sibling dies the family bonds are shattered and it leaves a void that cannot be filled. The sharing of the family's celebrations will never be the same again. The death of a brother or sister later in life comes without preparation. For many of us older adults, it hits harder than we expected, and we are not sure why. If the death occurred by a prolonged illness such as cancer or another terminal illness we tend to be aware of the possibility of death. But if the death was a sudden event like a heart attack or a car accident, it can feel overwhelming. With the death of a brother or sister the pain felt can be devastating and frightening which is a natural response to losing someone important in your life.

The death of a sibling in adulthood can be very difficult, especially if the person was close to the deceased sibling. Sometimes their grief can be disenfranchised, unspoken, and unsupported. Too often no support or comfort is offered and the loss is not acknowledged. Occasionally some people may feel they are forgotten by friends and possibly other siblings because they really have not had any contact with them for many years. People often focus on surviving partners and children, ignoring the grief of siblings. Well-meaning people say things like, "At least you had so many years together." It doesn't help. How close you were is only part of it. Even a strained or distant relationship of a sibling can be painful to lose, sometimes more so, because any chance of patching things up is gone. No matter what age the death occurred, the loss is really painful and lonely. When an elderly person is grieving the death of a sibling, they often have faced preceding deaths, like a spouse, a good friend, another family member, or a neighbour. This reduces their ability to share memories or get any comfort from those who knew them or their sibling.

Many times, siblings are not given much time off from work because of the death of their sibling, as they would be for the death of a parent or child. Grief does not follow a fixed set of rules, but a few things seem to help. Treat the death as a major loss because it is one. Much of our fear with sibling loss is that the shared history will disappear. Look for other people who knew your sibling like cousins, old friends, and former neighbours who may remember parts of your life. Talking with them can make you feel less alone with your memories. Tell the stories or write them down, pass them on to your children or grandchildren, or record them. You might share mementos like jewellery or personal belongings which can help people to feel connected to the deceased person. If things were left unresolved between you, consider writing your sibling a letter, even if no one ever reads it.

Those who lose siblings often feel guilty about childhood fights and not having the opportunity to apologize. If you were estranged from your sibling as an adult, you might feel guilty because it's too late now to reconnect. It is important to deal with your feelings. Be gentle with yourself, try to eat well, rest and get some light exercise like a gentle walk to help you as you grieve. It often helps to turn to our faith, or just sit and listen to some music. If you are finding it hard to cope with grief, Bethany Bereavement Support members are available and trained to listen with empathy and compassion.

Please contact St. Anne's Resource Centre 01 2888704 for information.

SHANKILL MEN'S SHED

Seid na bhFear Seancille

Shankill Men's Shed have had a very busy Autumn so far with plenty of activities and an epic voyage across Dublin Bay. We commenced September 2026 with the first of six sessions on the topic of Mental Health Wellbeing which is run by the HSE and was expertly delivered by Paul, Carolina and Matt from our local offices. The course is being positively viewed by our 'shedders'.

In mid September, a number of our members took to the high seas with a trip across Dublin Bay. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by our members and with the assistance of AI, our intrepid seafarers are pictured here!

Also during September, we secured a training course titled "Hands for Life" and eleven members are now trained in performing CPR, use of an AED (Defibrillator) and being able to assist with a choking incident. Simon, Jackie and Patrick delivered an excellent, interactive course at the 'Shed' - míle buíochas. Towards the back end of September, one of the founding Shankill Shedders celebrated his significant birthday - Kevin is seen here (with the assistance of AI again!). Comhghairdeas a Caoimhín.

Signing off now, we hope to see you at our 'stand' at the Christmas in the Village event at the end of November. Say hello and we will have information for you about sign-up for prospective members for 2027.

Slán anois ón Seid na bhFear Seancille.

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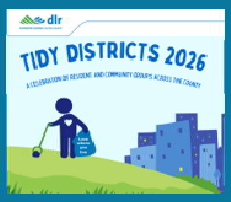
Shankill TidyTowns 2026 Competitions

The results of both DLR's Tidy Districts and the SuperValu TidyTowns will be announced in October and so should be known when November's SCAN is published.

With a gold medal in each of the last four SuperValu TidyTowns competitions, we will be hoping that we can make it five in a row.

In last year's DLR Tidy Districts, Shankill was named as Best Town/Village (9,000+ people).

Shankill TidyTowns views its performance in competitions as an indicator of its success in achieving its real goal – making Shankill a better place.



Working Together for Shankill

Shankill Junior TidyTowns

Continuing our work on restructuring Shankill Tidy Towns for the future, a recent meeting with local primary schools agreed to form a Junior TidyTowns group to coordinate cooperation between STT, local schools and hopefully other community youth groups. Initial activities will focus on planting and litter. Other topics may be added later

A formal launch is planned for mid-November with senior classes from 3 schools coming together to mark the occasion. It is planned to have an Art Competition on a litter theme.

Shankill Tidy Towns and DLR Leaf Mould Cage Programme 2026

Having installed 3 leaf mould cages in Eaton Wood Green in 2025, Shankill TidyTowns were delighted to participate in the DLR Leaf Mould Cage Programme 2026. Run in collaboration with Dr. Craig Benton, this has resulted in the installation of 4 more cages, this time in Holly Park.

The cages are collection points for some the many leaves that STT sweep up during autumn months and with appropriate attention should produce excellent compost after 2 years. After the first year, the mulch in a number of cages can be consolidated into one cage, leaving the other cages available for fresh leaves.

Main Street - Before & After

"Shankill could be a litter-free zone,
If we all took care of the litter we own"

email: shankillmatters@gmail.com

Shankill TidyTowns

LA SELVA DEL CAMP

Bríd Brien

Cé gur breá liom Torrevieja, shocraigh mé cuairt a thabhairt ar mo dheirfiúr i La Selva Del Camp—sráidbhaile Catalónach i dtuaisceart na Spáinne. Ciallaíonn 'La Selva' 'an fhoraois' agus ciallaíonn 'Del Camp' 'den tuath'. Mar is féidir leat a shamhlú, bhí an bóthar suas go dtí a teach caol agus contúirteach. Dá mbeadh an misneach agat breathnú amach, d'fhéadfá deireadh a chur leat féin i ngleann domhain. Ach nuair a shroich mé an áit, níorbh fhéidir liom a chreidiúint chomh glas is a bhí gach rud, tar éis an tsamhraidh loiscneach a bhí againn. Thuas anseo, ní raibh aon rud scriosta. Bhí gach rud faoi bhláth.

I ndiaidh oíche nó dhó a chaitheamh ina teach álainn, thug muid aghaidh níos faide ó thuaidh ar na Pirinéis in Andóra. Thrasnaigh muid droichead Tibéadach, thug muid cuairt ar mhúsaem mionrudaí, agus chuaigh muid chuig sorcas. An oíche ina dhiaidh sin, d'ith muid 'tapas' i sráidbhaile barántúil Spáinneach.

An lá ina dhiaiadh sin, thug muid cuairt ar Montblanc chun balla na cathrach agus an séipéal Gotach a fheiceáil. Ansin, sula ndeachaigh muid ar aghaidh chuig ár gceann scríbe deiridh, stop muid an carr agus shuígh muid ar chúl na feithicle ag ithe ceapairí agus ag ól tae go croíúil. Nach aoibhinn an saol é!

Lean muid orainn ag tiomáint ar feadh cúpla míle eile i dteocht an-ard go dtí gur shroich muid Montserrat, tearmann sléibhe de chuid na mBeinidicteach atá thar a bheith álainn. Tá basailic sa láthair ina bhfuil dealbh adhmaid 35 orlach den Mhaighdean Dubh agus an Leanbh ann, dealbh a théann siar go dtí an dara haois déag. Tá an dealbh clúdaithe le hór, agus deirtear sa bhfinscéal, má dhéanann tú teagmháil leis an sféar ina lámh dheas — a sheasann don domhan — go leigheasfar thú ó thinneas ar bith.

An oíche sin, chuir muid éadaí deasa orainn agus d'éist muid le cór ó Chambridge ag casadh sa bhasailic. Is cuma cé chomh dian is a rinne muid iarracht, níorbh fhéidir linn ár súile a bhaint den Mhaighdean agus an Leanbh. An mhaidin ina dhiaidh sin, d'éirígh muid go luath agus thiomáin muid ar ais go dtí teach mo dheirféar. Ba dheas an rud é a bheith sínte ar na cathaoireacha gréine agus taitneamh a bhaint as an ngrian. Nach iontach an t-eispéireas a bhí againn le chéile!

Gluais: *d'fhéadfá deireadh a chur leat féin i ngleann domhain. / You could end up in a gorge; loiscneach / scorching; scriosta, millte / destroyed; Tibéadach / Tibetan; mionrudaí / miniature; barántúil, intaofa, fíor / authentic; ceann scríbe / destination; basailic / basilica; finscéal, seanscéal / legend; sféar, cruinneog / globe; casadh / canadh; eispéireas, taithí / experience.*

**Casann muid le chéile gach Dé hAoine i dTeach Tábhairne Uí Bhrádaigh (Brady's Pub) ag a 11 ar maidin. Tá fáilte romhat.*

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Huge congratulations to our U15.1 player, Bobby Cannon, on winning his boxing tournament at the Robert Burns Box Cup in Scotland recently. What a fantastic achievement. Clearly a bright future ahead in the ring. Well done Bobby, from everyone at the club.

SHANKILL FC
OCTOBER 2026 CLUB UPDATE
PART OF OUR COMMUNITY
THE SEASON STARTED WITH A BANG
42 TEAMS
700+ PLAYERS
100+ COACHES
COACHING & DEVELOPMENT
Simone and Aaron supporting teams and coaches
Vao analysis proving a great success
Futsal programme launched
New training schedules and plans working well
Successful managers' meeting, with structured trials among the ideas being developed
OUR GIRLS' PATHWAY
10 former Shankill FC girls now playing at League of Ireland development and U17 level
7 with DLR Waves development and LOI U17 squads
3 with Bray Wanderers development squads
1 selected for the FAI U17 National ETP programme
FACILITIES COMPLETED IN OCTOBER
New Stonebridge floodlights
Clubhouse fully redecorated
Clubhouse electricity upgraded
Gym lighting fully upgraded
THE CLUB SHOP IS BUZZING
The new coffee machine and ice creams are a huge hit!
EVERY CENT RAISED GOES BACK INTO THE CLUB.
COMMUNITY CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to Lucy Belle Heddorman, winner of Shankill Hockey Club's new-logo design competition.
COMING IN NOVEMBER
Coerver Coaching Programme
Refreshed lighting upgrade
Equipment container lighting
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SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Jack Byrne, P.R.O.

Winter please be kind, following a really very enjoyable Summer where most weekly games of bowling were played in pleasant sunshine. Besides the pleasure one gets from warm sun on the body, bowling also really improves in such circumstances which gives one's ego a real boost. This was particularly evident in the league placings for the club this season competing in three Summer leagues, one on Saturdays and two on Thursdays, showed good placings in two and a runner up spot in one, missing out on a first place by one point which was very much fueled by members with less than a year's experience. It surely speaks well for the club going forward.

Our club is very keen on energy saving and has plans for the erection of solar panels on the clubhouse on Quinn's Rd. This will be done with the help of grants specifically for this purpose. This is in addition to recent changes and improvements to the club which is among the best facilities for the sport of lawn bowling. Our in-club competitions for 2026 have just ended, having commenced in mid May, culminating in a finals weekend in September. A good showing, especially from the newer members, was most encouraging at Quinn's Road this year. The following are the champions for 2026. There was some excellent bowling in all grades:

Alex Tighe (Pairs): Mary Ryan, Frank Purcell

Mountainview (Singles): Martin Gray

Bob Jackson (Pairs): Richard Byrne, Brian Brady

Michael Cryan (Singles): Des Swords

Men's Championship: Martin Gray

Ladies Championship: Mary Ryan

Two bowl Champion (singles): Colin Shepherd

Champion of Champions: Mary Ryan

Many Congratulations to all successful members who competed, and again, well done to all our recent new members showing great progress in these competitions.

Shankill Bowlers competed excellently in the three Irish Lawn Bowls leagues that they entered, finishing mid-table in two and an excellent second place/runner-up position in the third, only losing out by one point. Many congratulations to all who were selected for leagues. The club is confident we will carry forward that excellent form and provide a good showing in the Winter league.

Our indoor shortmat bowling section have begun to practice for their upcoming participation in the East Coast bowling late evening league and are determined to challenge for honours this season. The league is a six month campaign mainly in Wicklow.

Should anyone be interested in becoming a member of Shankill bowling club, indoor or outdoor, please call at the club,or email *info@shankillbowlingclub.ie*, you will be most welcome.

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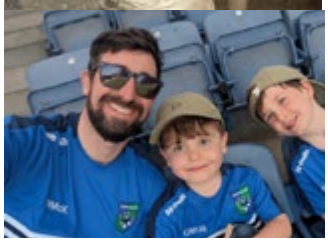
Our Adult Club Section

As the current year slowly draws to a close, we are heartened by the news that our pitch in Stonebridge Road will come back into use on a very limited basis at the end of October. The past eighteen months have been a very hard time for our club as all teams over fifteen years had to play their games in Ticknick a very difficult place to access.The situation developed because of the Stonebridge Road redevelopment and there was no full-sized pitch in our village available for use. Despite all of our troubles we were able to field for the first time an adult hurling team and there is an adult Camogie team at the planning stage to play in the new year. The reason for these new teams is that the production line of new players from our Academy to adult is beginning to bear fruit. New players are always welcome. Contact the following: Adult Ladies Football and Mothers & Others group, Mary O Donnell 086 6072746, Adult Camogie & Adult Hurling, Steve Davis 087 6414123, Adult Men's Football, Kevin Martin 086 8449902. All Juvenile team enquires Steve Davis 087 6414123. When you join our club, you become part of the Shankill GAA family where you are not just a number and everyone knows your name.

The Borrisokane Connection

Remembering the great John "Mackey" McKenna. "Mackey" was a true legend of Tipperary hurling winning four All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals during an incredible career in the blue and gold. We are so proud as his hurling legacy continues today through his son Ruairi McKenna who is a coach with Shankill GAA and his two grandsons, Pádraic and Conn who are now playing for the club. A wonderful family connection between Borrisokane, Tipperary and Shankill GAA in Dublin spanning three generations.



Academy

The Academy is in Rathmichael School at 10.00am every Saturday. We welcome boys and girls born in 2021 & 2022 who would like to join your local GAA club and begin their journey learning new skills in a fun, friendly and safe environment. All equipment is provided and the first four weeks are free as the children have fun and make new friends. Contact Steve 087 6414123 or simply call in and say hello any Saturday morning.

Academy to adult

Some of the young guns who have come all the way from our Academy to the adult team. Pictured are Paddy, Coach Marc, Bill and Nate all sporting new jerseys sponsored by Cleary Strategy.

Super Quiz & Lots More

We are running a quiz night at 8.00pm on Thursday 19th November in Bradys Pub with the usual great fun and plenty of prizes to be won. But that's not all, our committee have decided to end our current Lotto draw which is difficult to win and replace it with a new "Split the Pot" draw. With the current Lotto jackpot of €6500 we have decided to hold one final draw at the quiz. If the jackpot is not won, we will draw 3 lucky dip tickets and they will share the jackpot. The money must go on the night and tickets will be on sale on the night during the quiz. Good luck everyone,

Up the Dubs.

Great to see our local club players Darragh and Michael both who attended St Annes Primary School be selected for the Dublin under 16 football panel for the 2027 season

Reindeer Race

The club reindeer race will be held at 1.00pm on Sunday 13th December in Shanganagh Park. The race is open to all levels and grades. Watch our social media posts for further details.

Christmas Trees

Once again, we will have beautiful freshly cut Wicklow Christmas trees for sale. They will be available on Saturday 5th December from 10.00am at St Annes School car park. They come in various sizes and cost €60 each or €70 and we will collect your tree for recycling on Saturday 2nd January 2027.

Coaches on Tour

Some of our coaches running the half marathon in Copenhagen recently. Must say that they are all looking very fresh, must be before the run or else it's the fresh air. Well done guys.

FINANCE CORNER

by Shankill Financial Services

The New Personal Investment Account (PIA): What You Need to Know

From July 2027, it is expected that the new Personal Investment Accounts (PIAs) will become available. This is a government scheme designed to encourage people to invest their savings. The initiative aims to provide a simpler, more tax-efficient alternative for people who want to grow their money over the longer term. What Is a Personal Investment Account? - A Personal Investment Account will allow Irish residents over the age of 18, who hold a PPSN, to invest money in a range of financial products through an account that benefits from a special tax arrangement.

How Will the PIA Work?

- Individuals will be allowed to have ONE Personal Investment Account and to contribute up to €12,000 annually to this account.
- There will be no minimum contribution.
- The account will have a €50,000 tax-free threshold. Once its value exceeds that amount, a flat annual tax of 1% will apply to the portion above the threshold.

  For example, if an account is valued at €60,000, the amount above the threshold is €10,000, resulting in an annual tax charge of €100. Importantly, this tax is based on the value above the threshold, rather than solely on the profit made during the year.
- Eligible investments are expected to include company shares (listed on a stock exchange), bonds and investment funds, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Cryptocurrencies and certain complex, high-risk investments will not qualify.

What Are the Potential Benefits?

- The main attraction of the PIA is the tax structure. Under existing Irish investment rules, different products are subject to less favourable tax treatments, including capital gains tax, dividend taxation and exit tax on certain investment funds.
- The scheme should also appeal to people who want to invest gradually. With no minimum contribution, individuals can potentially build an investment portfolio over time.

What Are the Risks?

- Despite its potential benefits, a PIA is not a guaranteed savings product. Investment values can fall as well as rise, and investors could lose some or all their invested money.
- Another important consideration is that the 1% annual tax will apply to amounts above €50,000 even when investments have performed poorly. Provider fees and investment charges can also reduce returns.
- Even though you will be able to access funds in your PIA when needed, anyone considering a PIA should ensure they have sufficient emergency savings and understand the risks associated with their chosen investments.

The suitability of a PIA will depend on your personal circumstances, investment goals, costs and tolerance for risk. Before committing money, savers should compare available providers and understand the final scheme rules. Informed decisions will remain essential, contact your local financial advisor if you have any questions on this new scheme.

HISTORY: LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES

by James Scannell

MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Henry Matthews will present *'The Shooting of Alan Bell'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 5th in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €5/Students €2.

THE MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND
Dr. Simon Egan will present *'From Knapdale to Killybegs - A new look at the Galloglass Migration'* at 8 p.m. on Friday November 6th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome – admission is free – wheel-chair access available.

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Michael Traynor will present *'Petticoat Pilots – Irish Female Aviators'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday November 10th in St. Sylvester's Parish Centre (beside St. Sylvester's Church, 1 Main Street, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All are welcome.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY
Gerard Shannon will present *'Rory O'Connor: To Defend the Republic'* on Wednesday November 11th and Cormac F. Lowth *'The Sketches of Mathew Kendrick (1797-1874)'* Cormac followed by the AGM. Both lectures take place at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of Pearse Street Library, 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free and no booking is required.

BALLSBRIDGE, DONNYBROOK AND SANDYMOUNT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Gail Wolfe will present *'A Case of Libel: Joseph McGrath V A and C Black and publishers C. H. Bretherton,1927'* at 7 p.m. on Thursday November 12th in The Hive, Herbert Park, Dublin 4. All are welcome – members are free – admission for non-members is €5.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Dr. John McCullen will present *'The Phoenix Park'* at 8 p.m. in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, on Thursday November 12th. Members are free – visitors pay €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB
Padraig Laffan will present *'100 Years of RTÉ'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday November 17th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Martin McCarthy will present *'Tracing the former manor of Clonkeen across modern townlands'* at 6.30 p.m. on Monday November 23rd in Deansgrange Library, Clonkeen Drive, Deangrange, Dublin 18. Admission is free but booking is required at 01-2047218.

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Des Burke-Kennedy will present *'Dalkey WW2 Coast Watchers and 'Éire'* at 8 p.m. Wednesday November 18th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Free hotel parking is available for those attending this lecture.

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Brian White will present *'Hurricane Charlie' 40th Anniversary'* followed by James Scannell with *'Bray District Command L.D.F. 1941 – 1946'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 19th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – members free – visitors €8.

IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY
Philip O'Brien, General Manager Rosslare Europort, will present *'Rosslare Europort, History and Future'* at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday November 26th in the Society's Dublin Heuston premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Cathy Scufil will present *'Of Cobblestones and Jostlestones': A Tribute to the Horse in Dublin and the Evidence Left behind'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 26th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members are free/ visitors €5. The Swan Car Park Rate is €3.50 for the first 2 hours; €3.50 per hour thereafter.

CLONDALKIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Bróna Ni Mhuirí will present *'From Aviators to Agriculturalists, Medics to Missionaries: 100 Years of the Irish in Kenya 1916-2016'* at 8 p.m. on Monday November 30th in Áras Chrónáin Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

SHANKILL – LOOKING BACK

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVED

At the November 10th 1926 meeting of the Rathdown Board of Guardians which administered St. Columcille's Hospital, the Clerk read a medical certificate from Thomas Owens that he was undergoing x-ray treatment and that he would not be able to resume his duties as ambulance and cab driver until January 1927. The Board accepted the medical certificate. The Local Government Board accepted the appointment of his son as temporary ambulance driver until then.

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RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Rob Goodbody

October launched the winter series of lectures for the Rathmichael Historical S hi ociety. This began with a slight change of sequence, as our speaker for October was unable to be with us on the date arranged. Fortunately he gave us plenty of notice and will address us in November instead.

Our first speaker on the first Wednesday in October, was our President, Rob Goodbody who presented a talk on the history of Howth Castle. This was not a history of the occupants of the castle, their visitors or their careers, but looked at the castle itself, trying to make sense of its long history of alterations and additions and how it grew to its present substantial size.

The Tristram family arrived in Howth as early as 1177, though at that time they established their castle near to the harbour, on the well-defended hill where the Howth Martello tower now stands. Later they relocated to the present site, the family had by this time adopted the name St Lawrence. The earliest intact parts of the castle are an impressive tower and a gate tower dating from the 15th century. A hall was added to this in the next century.

Many additions were made to the castle between the 1730s and the 1840s and Rob's lecture teased out when each of these extensions were made and, as far as possible, who was the architect. The head of the family became the Earl of Howth in the 18th century and this title lasted through four generations. The final large-scale changes to the castle were undertaken in 1910 when the castle was inherited by Julian Gaisford-St Lawrence, whose mother was sister of the 4th and last Earl of Howth. These additions were designed by the eminent architect Edwin Lutyens and included the addition of another large tower in the medieval style.

The Gaisford-St Lawrence family sold the castle in 2019 after more than eight centuries living in Howth.

We have a great line-up planned for the winter series, and members will be able to join us on a weekend away to Derry in the Spring.

The winter/spring lecture programme will be as follows:

- Wednesday, 4th November: *Origin of the O'Neill and O'Donnell Dynasties* by Brian Lacey
- Wednesday, 2nd December: *Wood Quay* by Pat Wallace
- Wednesday, 6th January: *History of Kilternan Parish* by Rob Goodbody
- Wednesday, 3rd February: *AGM followed by Avoca Handweavers: a History of the Founders, the Wynne Sisters* by Allan O'Neill
- Wednesday, 3rd March: To be arranged
- Wednesday, 7th April: *Georgian Gothic* by Judith Hill

All lectures will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. Wheelchair accessible. Admittance for non-members €5. Also available on Zoom.

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Shankill Seniors Centre: More Than a Centre, We're a Community!

There has been plenty to celebrate at Shankill Seniors Centre recently, with wonderful entertainment, community connections and a shared commitment to making our centre a warm, welcoming place for everyone.

We enjoyed a fantastic morning of fun and entertainment with a brilliant performance by The Moving Skirts. Their wonderful performance brought smiles, laughter and plenty of joy to everyone in attendance. A huge thank you to The Moving Skirts for giving their time and sharing their talent with us. You helped make it a truly memorable morning, and we are so grateful for your support! We were also delighted to be part of the Festival of Inclusion with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. As part of the celebrations, we hosted our Thriving Together event, which welcomed a fantastic range of local community groups into the centre. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, share experiences and celebrate the positive impact we can have when we work together.

The centre was filled with conversation, connection and community spirit. We enjoyed a lovely lunch while celebrating the strong relationships that make our community so special. Events like these remind us of the importance of inclusion, collaboration and ensuring everyone feels that they belong. At Shankill Seniors Centre, we believe that we are not just a centre, we are a community. We are proud of the friendships, partnerships and connections that grow here every day. Whether through entertainment, shared meals or community events, it is the people who walk through our doors and the wider community who support us that make the centre what it is.

Help Us Get Our Own Minibus!
As we look ahead, we are continuing our fundraising appeal to help us purchase our very own minibus. Having our own transport would make a tremendous difference to our members, helping us provide more opportunities for outings, activities and social connections, while ensuring that everyone can be involved as fully as possible in the centre. We have two exciting fundraising events coming up, and we would love your support!

Book and Bake Sale:
Join us on Saturday, 7th November, from 10am to 1pm for our book and bake sale. Come along, browse for a good read, enjoy some delicious treats and support a great cause. Every purchase and every contribution will help bring us one step closer to our minibus!

Dinner and Dance:
Mark your calendars for our special dinner and dance at the Sallynoggin Inn on Wednesday, 9th December, from 6pm. It promises to be a wonderful evening of good food, music, dancing and great company, all while raising vital funds for our minibus appeal.

Tickets can be purchased using the QR code on our event poster, or you can contact Shankill Seniors Centre directly on 01-2826364 to book your tickets.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to support Shankill Seniors Centre — our members, volunteers, staff, local community groups, performers, friends and the wider Shankill community. Your generosity, kindness and enthusiasm mean so much to us.

Every donation, ticket purchased, cake baked, book bought and helping hand brings us closer to our goal. Together, we can make our minibus dream a reality!

Thank you for being part of our community. At Shankill Seniors Centre, we truly believe that when we come together, wonderful things happen.

Every donation brings us one step closer to a new minibus, helping older people in our community access Shankill Seniors Centre, stay connected and enjoy the activities and friendships that make such a difference.

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IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Shankill ICA Celebrates 50 Years

A wonderful day of memories, laughter, good food and dancing was enjoyed as the Shankill branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA) celebrated a very special milestone: 50 years of friendship and community, dating back to 1976. Members and friends came together to mark this golden anniversary, reminiscing about the years gone by, sharing stories and celebrating the many friendships that have grown through the association over the past five decades. It was a lovely occasion filled with warmth, laughter and a wonderful sense of togetherness.

The celebration was made even more special by the presence of National ICA President Mary D'Arcy, who joined the Shankill members to mark this important occasion. The current Shankill ICA President, Pat O'Connor, was delighted to celebrate this significant milestone alongside June Lawless of Shankill, National Secretary of the ICA. The story of Shankill ICA began in 1976, when Moira Meagher was President of the Shankill branch. In those early days, meetings were held in the Shankill Old Folks Centre, the very building that is now home to Shankill Seniors Centre. It is particularly special to reflect on how a group that began meeting in this local centre has continued to flourish and bring women together for half a century.

Over the years, the ICA has evolved, adapting to changing times while staying true to its core values of friendship, learning, sharing skills and supporting the local community. The Shankill branch continues this wonderful tradition, meeting every Tuesday in St Anne's Resource Centre in Shankill, where members enjoy the opportunity to catch up, socialise and take part in activities together. The 50th anniversary was not just a celebration of the past, but also an opportunity to recognise the importance of the ICA today and the friendships and connections that will carry it into the future.

Fifty years is a remarkable achievement realised through the dedication of its members, past and present, who have helped make Shankill ICA such a valued part of the local community. Congratulations to Pat O'Connor, June Lawless, all the members of Shankill ICA and everyone who has contributed to the association over the past 50 years. Here's to the memories already made, the friendships that continue to grow and many more years of fun, laughter and togetherness!

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Following the excitement of the Fete, school life has settled into its normal daily routine again.

The children have been producing some amazing work for display around the school.

Our after school classes have restarted for the year with Art, Drama, Soccer, Dance, Multi Sport, Athletics and Hockey. Other classes within school hours have also restarted – Swimming, P.E., GAA and Spanish.

We have entered a Girls' Team into the Cumann na mBunscoil, Go Games GAA competition and they have played three games to date – winning against Stepaside ET, losing in a hard fought match, in the rain, to Scoil Treasa and playing a great match to beat St. Annes Primary School, Fettercairn. The girls are all thoroughly enjoying the experience – thanks to our parents who are acting as coaches and mentors.

On the 1st October, Alan Nolan, author and illustrator came into school to undertake workshops with 3rd and 4th Classes. He read extracts from his books and encouraged the pupils to try their hands at illustrating. The sessions were entertaining and inspiring and the children all enjoyed them.

We have also reintroduced "Feel Good Fridays", where music is played over the speaker system at break times and the children may dance to the tunes being played. The younger classes in particular are really enjoying this.

Our 6th Class undertook a 1st Aid course, given by a specialist Nurse, to assist them in their roles as Safety Squad members at break and lunch time. This was very helpful and informative.

Thank you to everyone who brought in items to contribute to our Harvest Donations to Crinken Storehouse, to help those in need in our community.

We are expecting representatives from Team Hope and Fields of Life in to upcoming Assemblies to give presentations to the pupils. The children have been asked to fill shoeboxes over the mid-term break and we continue to support Caleb and Mercy in Uganda, through the Fields of Life.

Enrolment for September 2027/2028 Junior Infants will take place between 2nd and 23rd November and Application Forms will be available from the Office or to download online.
The PTA hosted a coffee morning in October to welcome new and existing parents and we have a number of PTA planned events coming up this term so it promises to be an exciting build up to Halloween and Christmas.

Naomi Rousseau *(Principal)*

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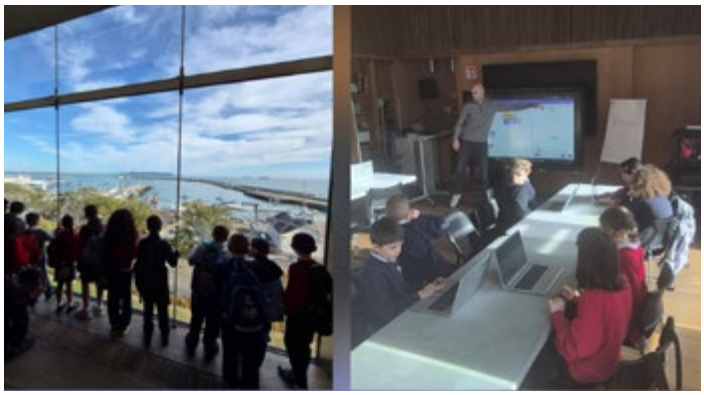
SCHOOL NEWS: SCOIL MHUIRE

Our Junior Infants
Ms Behan's Junior Infants have just started big school! They are settling in very well and are enjoying all of the play and yard fun! We are also doing lots of maths sorting and matching activities!

Mr. Quane's 4th class
The students had a great morning out at a coding workshop provided by Lexicon Library.



Clonliffe Harriers Cross Country Race
Scoil Mhuire had 30 students from 4th-6th Class compete in a cross-country event on Wednesday, 7th of October. Everyone ran their hardest against tough competition. Jace in 5th Class won the bronze medal in the 5th Class boys' race. We are so proud of them all!

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UPDATE FROM: CORMAC DEVLIN, TD

I hope you are all keeping well. Thank you to everyone who attended my public meeting on retrofitting grants. If you would like a copy of my leaflet on the new supports available, please get in touch and I will post one out.

◆ SHANKILL SELECTED FOR FIRST STATE-LED CHILDCARE FACILITY

It was lovely to welcome Minister Norma Foley to Shankill to see the first State-led early learning and childcare centre in the country. For the first time, the State itself is leading the delivery of new childcare places.

The centre will be based at **Shanganagh Castle**, with plenty of outdoor play space including a lovely wooded area. A not-for-profit operator has been selected, fit-out works will begin shortly, and the service is expected to open next year.

Thank you to Minister Foley, Cllr Justin Moylan, Cllr Michael Clark, councillors from across the chamber, and Michael Reynolds from my office for all their work in delivering this for Shankill.

◆ BUDGET 2027

Alongside the much-needed income tax package and the continued tax and excise reductions on fuel, Budget 2027 expanded supports to help households with cost-of-living pressures.

The **Fuel Allowance** rate and eligibility thresholds were increased. The **weekly income threshold for those over 66 rises from €534 to €642**, extending the payment to an extra 10,000 retired people on modest pensions. If you haven't qualified before, it is worth double-checking, as the **Fuel Allowance also opens the door to the SEAI's fully funded retrofit programme.**

The **Carer's Allowance** income disregard increased by €150 per week for a single carer and €300 for a couple. A couple with income of over €126,000 can now qualify for a full payment, and can earn over €155,000 and still receive a partial payment. **Core welfare and pension rates increase by €10**, and the **Christmas Bonus** will be paid to almost 1.4 million long-term social welfare recipients.

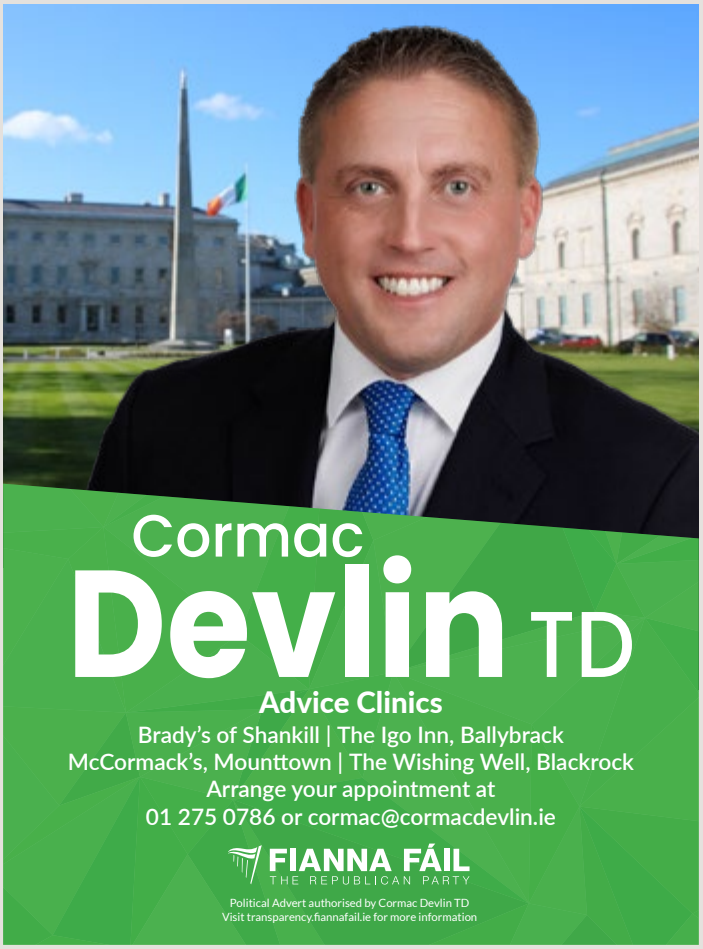
While the income tax package was more modest than I would have liked, the direction of travel is welcome.

Inheritance tax thresholds rise from €400,000 to €420,000 (Group A), €40,000 to €44,000 (Group B) and €20,000 to €22,000 (Group C), and the CGT rate falls from 33% to 31%. I will continue to press for reform in this area, including changes to the deemed disposal rules.

◆ SHINGLES VACCINATION PROGRAMME

I was delighted to see funding for a free shingles vaccine programme in the Budget. It will be rolled out in 2027, starting with **people over 65 who are immunocompromised.**

I have pressed for this for several years, as the vaccine is very effective but quite expensive. I will be pressing for the programme to be expanded next year. If you want to be kept informed, please drop me an email.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◆ SHANGANAGH CEMETERY TOILETS

Following complaints from visitors, I have raised the cleanliness of the bathrooms at Shanganagh Cemetery with Council officials. The upkeep is contracted out, and officials are reviewing the arrangements to improve the service.

◆ WINTER PREPARATIONS

The Council has opened a new Brine Manufacturing Facility at Ballyogan, a significant investment in winter road maintenance. This is particularly welcome news for the upland areas of Shankill and Rathmichael, where key routes need to remain safe during severe weather.

◆ POLICING FORUM MEETING: HAVE YOUR SAY

The annual **Loughlinstown, Ballybrack & Shankill Local Policing Forum Public Meeting** takes place on Tuesday 1st December in Shanganagh Park House from 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

◆ KEEPING IN TOUCH

My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in **Brady's of Shankill** on the last Saturday of each month, excluding Bank Holidays.

To make an appointment, please contact **Michael Reynolds** in my office on 01 275 0786 or email *cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*

Cormac Devlin TD, Minister Norma Foley and Michael Reynolds visiting Shanganagh Castle

SCHOOL NEWS: ST. ANNE'S NS

The Celts
by Laura Flanagan, Roisin Edwards, Ben Moynihan

This month Ms O' Connor's 5th Class were working on the Celts and their houses. They worked hard to make posters and recreate the four different forts: Crannógs, Hillforts, Ringforts and Promontory Forts. Overall it was such an interesting and enjoyable project which 5th Class loved doing.

Japanese Calligraphy

Last week, both 6th classes took part in a Japanese calligraphy workshop. We had three wonderful helpers: Mi, Ms Chonan and Dáithí, who was our translator.

They taught us about the different types of Japanese writing. We learned that there are three writing systems in Japanese: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji.

We then had the opportunity to create our own Japanese calligraphy. We chose characters based on how we were feeling. For example, I chose happiness and learned how to write it in Kanji.

It was a really fun and interesting experience, and I would definitely recommend trying it! The Japanese Embassy also offers free calligraphy lessons for anyone who would like to give it a go.

Rugby in Our School
by Sorsha Boyle and Naoise Hayde

This term, we have been learning how to play rugby in our school. We have been having great fun developing our rugby skills and learning more about the sport. We decided to interview our rugby coach, Robert, to find out more about his experience of playing and coaching rugby.

Interview with Our Rugby Coach, Robert
by Ella in Ms.Errity's 6th Class

1) How long have you been involved in rugby?
I have been playing and coaching rugby for 27 years.
2) What team did you play for, and how often do you train?
I used to play for Greystones Rugby Club. I don't play anymore, so I no longer train.
3) What position did you play on the rugby team?
I used to play as a second-row forward.
4) Do you teach rugby in any other schools?
Yes, I also teach rugby in CBC Monkstown.
5) What is the worst injury you have ever had?
The worst injury I have had was probably a double fracture in my wrist.

Interview with a Pupil from Mr Allen's 5th Class
We also interviewed a pupil from Mr Allen's 5th class to find out what they thought about their rugby lessons.

1) Are you enjoying rugby in our school?
Yes! I like learning new sports, and rugby is great fun.
2) What have you been doing during rugby lessons?
We have been playing tag rugby and learning how to pass the ball correctly without passing it forward during matches.
3) Have the lessons inspired you to start playing rugby?
Yes, I would like to try it, but I already do lots of other sports. I would definitely recommend rugby to other children!
4) What have you learned during rugby this term?
I have learned how to kick and pass the rugby ball.
5) Is your class enjoying rugby?
Yes, most of the class is really enjoying it!

A Great Experience!
Rugby has been a brilliant opportunity for pupils to learn new skills, try a different sport and work together as a team. We would like to thank Robert for teaching us and making our rugby lessons so enjoyable!

Painters Pathway
Here are some of the entries to this painter pathway theme which is self portraits. We will have more in next month's SCAN.

TUAIRISC POBAIL: Ó BARRY WARD, TD

A chara,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go maith. Tá áthas orm a bheith in ann an tuarascáil mhíosúil seo a chur i láthair daoibh. Mar bhur dTeachta Dála de chuid Fhine Gael, táim ag obair go dian i dteannta mo chomhghleacaithe i Seanchill - agus sa Rialtas - chun torthaí a bhaint amach daoibh.

I am delighted to be able to present this monthly report as part of the SCAN. As your Fine Gael TD, I am working hard along with my colleagues in Shankill–and in Government–to deliver results for you.

◆ ST. LAURENCE COLLEGE LAUNCH NEW AUTISM/ SENSORY CLASSROOM

I had the opportunity to visit St. Laurence College for their launch of a new autism/sensory classroom. I applaud the St. Laurence school community and leadership team for their dedication to building a more inclusive educational environment.

◆ WATERMAIN WORKS – BRIDE'S GLEN ROAD

I would like to inform you that the closure between Rathmichael Road and Mullinastill Road has been extended to 28 November 2026, with signed diversions in place. I am working with the Council to minimise the impact on local residents and ensure alternative routes are operational and in place.

◆ EV CHARGING - SHANGANAGH CASTLE ESTATE

A number of residents in Shanganagh Castle Estate have been in touch with me in relation to accessing EV charging. I am working with the LDA to progress the provision of EV charging infrastructure, and I will continue to engage with residents as this progresses.

◆ SHANGANAGH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Working with Shanganagh Community Garden in relation to ongoing concerns with the council and Irish Rail regarding access to the garden and overhanging trees.

Delighted to report that an agreement has been reached with Irish Rail and I will continue to work with to ensure that the solution comes to fruition as soon as possible.

◆ SHANKILL LIBRARY

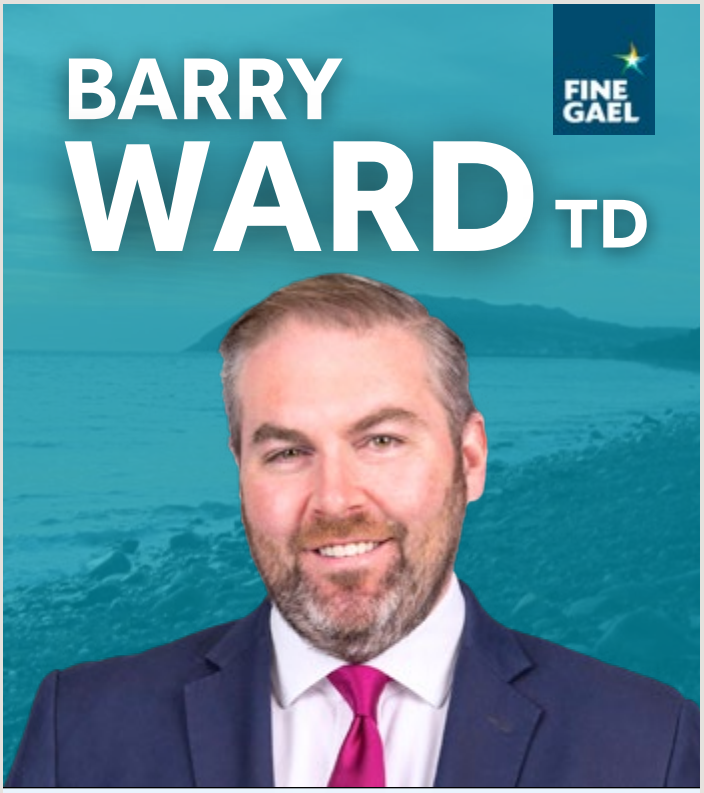
I have been supporting and engaging with residents and DLRCoCo in relation to the construction works regarding the renovation of Shankill library. I am working to support DLRCoCo in finding a balance in respecting local residents, whilst still creating a facility that will benefit the wider community within the consistency.

◆ BUS SERVICES IN SHANKILL

I continue to engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Dublin Bus on service frequency, punctuality and capacity on routes serving Shankill, including the 7B, 45A, 45B andL14. I want a more reliable frequent bus service to serve Shankill and our wider community.

◆ HSE BREAST FEST EVENT – 2ND OCTOBER

I was delighted to sponsor and speak at the HSE Breast Fest event to mark National Breastfeeding Week, highlighting the need to normalise breastfeeding in public spaces and to provide adequate support and resources for breastfeeding mothers.



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◆ SHANGANAGH CEMETERY TOILETS

I have been liaising with the DLRCoCo over the cemetery toilet block and its need for urgent refurbishment. Maintenance continues but the existing facilities are ageing and require urgent improvement works.
I have been informed by the Council that a refurbishment project is currently being advanced and subject to the completion of the necessary procurement and approval processes; works are expected to commence by the end of the year. In the interim, the toilet door will be inspected and any necessary adjustments or repairs undertaken to ensure it is operating correctly. The project will deliver upgraded toilet facilities, improving their condition, functionality, and overall appearance for cemetery visitors.

◆ GET IN TOUCH WITH ME

My office is always available to assist you with any local or national issue. Please get in touch by phone at 085 157 8000 *(feel free to drop us a WhatsApp message)*, or email ***barry.ward@oireachtas.ie***.

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ASK A COUNCILLOR: CLLR. JIM GILDEA

◆ FOOTPATH REPAIRS IN ST ANNES ESTATE SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when the damaged footpaths in St Annes estate, Shankill will be repaired/replaced?

Reply: Further road resurfacing works are planned to take place in St Anne's Estate in 2027 as part of the Road Maintenance Programme. The footpaths will be examined, and any necessary areas will be considered for inclusion in the works.

◆ SHANKILL CASTLE RESTORATION

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide a broad outline of what works will be undertaken using the €150,000 grant recently awarded to the council for this project under the LEAF scheme and to say when work will commence on this project?

Reply: The Grant will facilitate the preparation of an Integrated Urban Strategy (IUS) for Shanganagh Castle and associated buildings and their immediate context to establish an evidence -based framework for the adaptive reuse of the Protected Structure, guided by heritage -led regeneration principles and informed by community and stakeholder engagement. As well as preparing an IUS, the project will provide for a detailed Economic Assessment and Business Plan, a Conservation Strategy, archaeological assessments, ecological studies and other supporting technical reports. The grant approval of €150,000 will enable the appointment of specialist consultants to support the preparation of the IUS using Town Centre First and New European Bauhaus principles. The comprehensive Conservation Strategy will include a condition survey, analysis of heritage significance and a prioritised schedule of works necessary to stabilise the building.

◆ TRAFFIC CALMING ON CHERRYWOOD ROAD

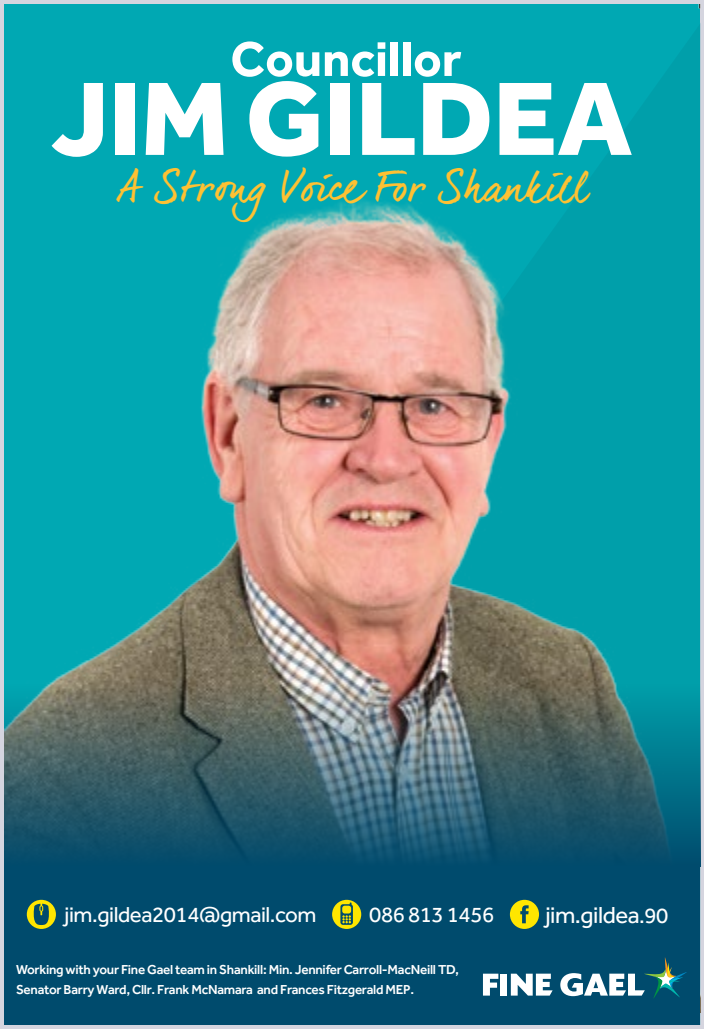
Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans for arrangements to be made as a matter of urgency to improve safety for residents and pedestrians on Cherrywood Road including but not limited to:
The installation of a pedestrian crossing on a raised table at the pedestrian entrance to Cherrywood Park. The addition of 'SLOW' road marking at various points along the entire length of the road. The erection of a speed warning sign facing the N11 about halfway up the road?

Reply: A traffic speed survey has been conducted on Cherrywood Road between its junctions with Bride's Glen Roundabout and N11. The survey results indicate that the highest average speed was 48Km/Hr. The 85th percentile speeds were 60Km/Hr near the viaduct, 50Km/Hr near Cherrywood Park and 48Km/Hr near Brides Glen Roundabout. Based on these findings, vehicle speeds on this section of road are generally compliant with the speed limit. Pedestrian crossings would require space for pedestrians to stand and wait on both sides of the road, and good intervisibility with approaching traffic. When this area was examined in the past, no such location could be found on the western (Cherrywood Park) side of the road. The current County Development Plan includes a six-year road objective along Cherrywood Road from Brides Glen Road to the N11. The design of this road objective has not been progressed. The Council will continue to monitor speeds at this location and any future monitoring will inform any traffic measures to be implemented which may include road markings and traffic signage on Cherrywood Road.

◆ TRAFFIC CALMING ON CORBAWN DRIVE, SHANKILL

Motion: That this Committee recommends that the Chief Executive installs traffic calming measures in the form of staggered chicanes on Corbawn Drive Shankill.

Report: It is proposed to install chicanes on Corbawn Drive as part of the 2027 Traffic Management Programme.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◆ TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN RATHSALLAGH AND CLIFTON PARK ESTATES

Motion: That this Committee recommends that solid white lines be installed at junctions and acute bends on the roads in Rathsallagh and Clifton Park estates which adjoins the new development at Coolevally.

Report: The request will be reviewed, including an assessment of the locations identified and the appropriateness of road markings at these locations.

◆ THOMOND UPGRADE WORKS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive update on the upgrading project on the housing units and the maintenance of the surrounding grounds at Thomond off Holly Park, Shankill including an outline of the works that will be undertaken and a timeframe for when the works will be completed?

Reply: A contractor has been appointed and has commenced on site. A full suite of refurbishments will be carried out in each unit which will include the following works: New external windows and door, new internal doors, new kitchen units, repairs to chimneys, new balustrading/ guarding for staircases, wall tiling in bathrooms and kitchens, new sanitary ware in bathrooms, built in wardrobes, insulation works, electrical works, new heating systems and full electrical rewire. In relation to the garden areas, works will include the removal of all rubbish and debris from garden areas, hedge trimming, installation of patios, installation of fencing and gates surrounding patio areas. It is anticipated that works will be completed in Q2 2027.

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◆ CORBAWN LANE BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT

Corbawn Lane Bridge Deck Renewal (Summary of Presentation received from Iarnród Éireann)

- The bridge is at end of life and serves as the only vehicular access for 400 houses.
- Renewal works planned for Easter 2027, requiring a 16-day road closure from 18.00 hours on Friday 26th March to 06.00 hours on Monday 12th of April.
- The following diversion routes were considered and evaluated from a feasibility, cost, public relations and road safety perspective:
  Option 1 - Corbawn Avenue, Shanganagh Cliffs Estate *(Preferred)*.
  Option 2 - Dublin Road, Quinn's Road, Corbawn Drive
  Option 3 - Corbawn Avenue, Seafield and Shanganagh Cliff's Park
- The project includes utility coordination, new precast concrete deck and improved safety features to include a footpath of 1.8m width.

Note: If anyone would like to receive a copy of the full presentation, please contact me on 0863835051 or *carriesmyth@cllr.dlrcoco.ie*.

◆ TAKING IN CHARGE - CASTLE DEVELOPMENT, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to begin the process of the taking in charge of Castle Development, Shankill.

Reply: Following cessation of the defect maintenance period, in August 2026, maintenance of the Roads, Surface water Drainage, Public Footpaths, Public Lighting and Public Open Space of the development passed to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. A drawing delineating the areas Taken in Charge and the areas to be privately managed is attached (BC-1948-TICS11-01) (If anyone would like to receive a copy, please contact me on 0863835051 or *carriesmyth@cllr.dlrcoco.ie*). Therefore, this development is already taken in charge by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Owner: Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control

◆ CRINKEN STREAM FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Crinken Stream Flood Relief Scheme.

Reply: The Crinken Stream (called the Wilford Stream in the OPW's CFRAMs report) is in Tranche 2 of the flood relief schemes. Currently only Tranche 1 schemes are progressing. As a result of the adoption of the Old Connaught Local Area Plan and the progress being made on the Rathmichael Framework Plan, it is anticipated that significant development will take place adjacent to the Crinken Stream in the next few years. While the current best practice requirements of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council County Development Plan and those stated in the local plans, such as not building in flood plains and implementing Sustainable Urban Drainage measures, will remain in place, it would be prudent to engage with the OPW on progressing the flood relief scheme on the Crinken Stream before significant development commences. Water Services will commence engagement with the OPW in the coming weeks.

◆ UPDATE ON WORKS IN SHANGANAGH PARK

I received the following update from the Parks Department in dlr:
We were intending to open the ramped access and new steps earlier in the year, however, unfortunately we have had some issues with the railing, and we have been waiting on some pieces to be fabricated that will provide more stability to the railing. This delay has meant that the site has been quiet recently.

The additional railing pieces are currently programmed for installation next week and the following week (up till the 16th of Oct). The furniture will be installed at the same time, so that corner should finally be opening in the next few weeks!
The pitch was sown in October last year. All pitches undergo a 12-month establishment period (minimum). In spite of the dry summer, which is not ideal for grass establishment, we are still aiming for the pitch to be handed over to DLR by the end of October this year. I am working with the consulting agronomist and appointed contractor towards this.

Works have also started at the baseball cricket end of the site, with the cricket crease being reorientated, the baseball back stop being completed, and a batting cage going in. The works in this area should also be complete by the end of October, with some site clean-up ongoing into early November. The sprint track is open to the public, but we are still waiting on a final connection from ESB to power the floodlights here.

We are pushing hard to make sure this connection is live, and that the systems to control the lights are fully operational as we understand that evening light is fading fast, and the clubs that use these facilities are very keen for the lights to function. We are unfortunately at the mercy of ESB for this.

◆ ACCESS TO SEA AT CORBAWN STRAND

I received representations from residents regarding access to the sea at Corbawn Strand. I contacted the Beaches Section of dlr and received the following reply:
"Thank you for raising your concerns regarding access to the water at this location.

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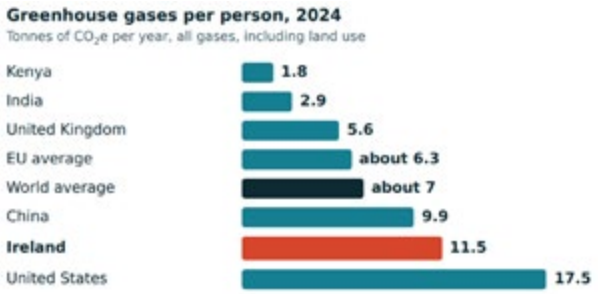
SAGE

by Éamonn Conlon

Your part in the fight against climate breakdown: what matters most?

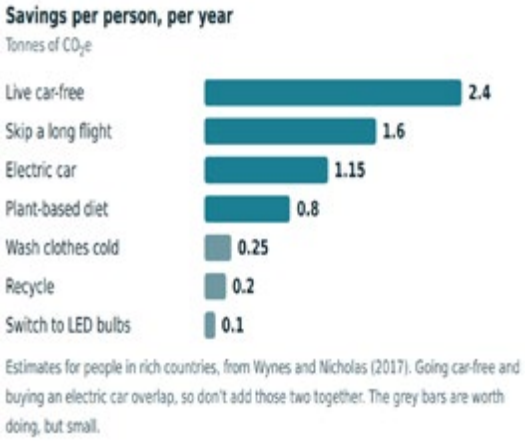
Flying and driving. Eating and heating. And using your voice

The world emitted 54.4 billion tonnes of greenhouse gasses in 2024—a new record. That's about 7 tonnes per person. But the average hides huge differences between countries. Cows make a lot of methane, which contributes to Ireland's high number. Methane is about 28 times stronger than carbon dioxide in trapping heat. To keep track, scientists turn all the greenhouse gasses into one score called carbon dioxide equivalent, **CO_2e**. That's what we see in the above chart.



How big is tonne? A tonne of gas is hard to picture. Think of it like this. Driving an average petrol engine car 4,000 kilometres adds a tonne to our atmosphere. A hundred young trees soak up a tonne in a year.

So how can we reduce our own tonnage? Researchers keep finding the same list of what matters most. It's flying and driving, heating and eating.

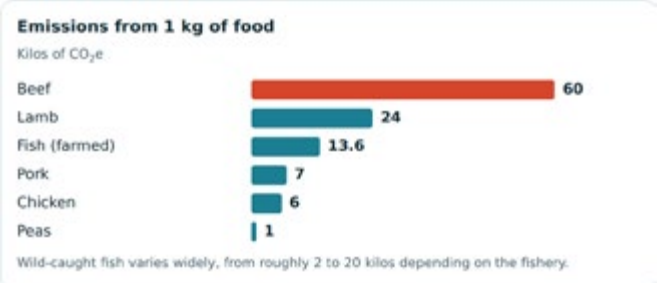

Savings per person, per year
Tonnes of CO_2e
Live car-free 2.4
Skip a long flight 1.6
Electric car 1.15
Plant-based diet 0.8
Wash clothes cold 0.25
Recycle 0.2
Switch to LED bulbs 0.1
Estimates for people in rich countries, from Wynes and Nicholas (2017). Going car-free and buying an electric car overlap, so don't add those two together. The grey bars are worth doing, but small.

Fly less Flying to London takes about three and a half times the greenhouse gasses of ferry and train. Long-haul is worse. A return transatlantic flight emits about 1.6 tonnes per passenger. That's nearly all the greenhouse gases an average person in Kenya spends every year. Premium seats emit more because they take up more room. Skipping one long flight a year is one of the best things we can do.

Rethink the car Going car-free saves the average person about 2.4 tonnes a year. If you need a car, consider going electric next time you buy one. In the EU, a middling-sized petrol or diesel car emits about 235 grammes of CO_2e per kilometre driven. A fully electric car emits only 63 grammes, and that comes down to 52 if it's charged with clean electricity. These numbers include manufacturing, maintaining and powering the car. If you have a car, think before using it for short trips. Walk, cycle, DART or take the bus if you can.

Heat your home more cleanly An average Irish home emits about 4.6 tonnes a year from energy. Two-thirds of that comes from burning gas, oil or solid fuel at home. Insulation means you need less heat. A heat pump cuts emissions by at least a fifth, and by as much as four-fifths when it uses clean electricity. Switching from an oil boiler to a heat pump saves an estimated 2.5 tonnes a year; switching from a gas boiler to a heat pump saves about 1.5 tonnes every year.

Put more plants on your plate Beef is the big one. Eating a plant-based diet saves about 0.8 tonnes a year. If you're not ready to go full veggie, swapping from beef to chicken, and vegetables some of the time, gets you part of the way.


Emissions from 1 kg of food
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Beef 60
Lamb 24
Fish (farmed) 13.6
Pork 7
Chicken 6
Peas 1
Wild-caught fish varies widely, from roughly 2 to 20 kilos depending on the fishery.

And let's stop wasting food! Lost and wasted food causes 8 to 10 percent of the word's greenhouse gas emissions.

Adding it up Anyone who does the big four together—fly less, ditch or electrify the car, get a heat pump, eat less beef—could cut roughly 4 to 6 tonnes a year. It won't fix climate breakdown on its own. But it's a big chunk of your own footprint. It shows others it can be done. Don't try to be perfect. Do the few things that count most, then use your voice for the rest.

Your voice is bigger than your shopping basket About three quarters of greenhouse emissions come from energy: power stations, data centres, factories, heating, fuel for vehicles. The rest is mainly farming, forests, waste and chemicals. One person can't change that system alone.

So our power as voters, workers, savers and neighbours can matter more than our shopping. We should vote for people who take the climate crisis seriously. Ask our employers to cut their emissions. Move our pensions or savings away from fossil fuels. Talk about it. When more people care, 'normal' shifts, and normal is what companies and governments follow.

Following a site visit, it was observed that the step at the bottom of the existing ramp is affected by tidal activity. As the tide moves beach material along the shoreline, the level of the beach surface at the end of the ramp continuously changes, resulting in variations in the height of the step required to access the beach.

While extending the ramp may appear to be a potential solution, the same issue would occur at the new end point. The movement of sand and other beach materials means that there is no fixed location where a ramp could provide consistent, level access to the water at all times. As a result, extending the structure would not permanently resolve the issue.

In addition, any extension would create a physical barrier across the beach, potentially impacting other beach users by introducing a structure that pedestrians would need to navigate around or step over.

The environmental conditions at this location also present significant engineering and maintenance challenges. Tidal action, wave energy, and the continuous movement of sand regularly alter the shoreline. Any structure built on these shifting conditions would require substantial construction and coastal protection works to ensure stability and would likely need ongoing maintenance due to the accumulation of deposited material and the risk of undermining from erosion.

Based on these factors, it is not considered feasible to construct a structure that would provide permanent, direct, and level access to the water while remaining safe, stable, and practical to maintain.

We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention and trust this explanation clarifies the challenges associated with implementing such a solution."

◆ REAL-TIME NOISE MONITORING GOES LIVE ACROSS DLR

dlr has launched a new network of eight real-time environmental noise monitors across the county, improving public access to local noise information.

The monitors, commissioned in September 2026, have been installed in areas identified in the Round 4 Noise Action Plan as Priority Important Areas. These are locations where a significant number of people may be exposed to higher levels of environmental noise, particularly from major transport sources such as roads and rail. The new monitoring network will provide live information on sound levels in the vicinity of each monitoring location, helping residents, communities and decision-makers better understand local environmental noise conditions.

There are eight monitoring locations in dlr and one is located in Shankill at: **Mountain View, Shankill**

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PLANNING NOTICES *compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea*

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D26A/0677/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 09/09/2026
Beechfield Owners Management Company, Beechfield Haven, Maryland and Maryland House, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission for the continued use of 31 no. Sheltered housing units/retirement homes [known as nos. 1 - 14 Maryland, and nos. 1 - 17 Maryland House constructed on foot of planning permissions Reg. Refs.: D95A/0043 & D95A/0564 and Reg. Refs.: D96A/0325 & D98A/0488 respectively] as sheltered housing units independent of Beechfield Manor Nursing Home (this also requires the deletion of planning condition no. 9 of D95A/0043, no. 7 of D95A/0564, and no. 15 of D98A/0488), and the addition of an occupancy condition "for persons over 50 years of age"

D26A/0706/WEB Seeking Permission for Retention Date: 21/09/2026
Chris Finneran, Findore, Corbawn Lane, Shankill, D18F5C3
Permission for a) 1 No. additional dormer structure at rear; b) Additional first floor bedroom window on side (west) facade; c) Additional first floor bedroom window on angled corner on side (east) facade; d) Additional attic circular window on side (east) facade; e) First floor balcony(area 2.09 sqm.) at front/side of house; f) Blockwork shed (area 42.35 sqm.) at rear; g) Timber shed (area 13.17 sqm.) at rear/side; h)Timber pavilion (area 7.45 sqm.) at rear; i) 1.8m high electric vehicular gate at site entrance.

D26B/0509/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 21/09/2026
D26B/0509/WEB Declare Application Invalid Date: 25/09/2026
Kathleen Jennings, 38, Foxes Grove,Shankill, D18DK74
Permission for a downstairs side extension, consisting of a bathroom & shower area due to mobility issues. Downstairs bathroom is essential in order to continue independent living in the home.

LRD26A/0737/WEB Seeking Permission (LRD) Date: 02/10/2026
Castlethorn Old Conna ULC, Lands North of Old Connaught Avenue, Old Connaught, Co. Dublin
Permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development at this site (c. 6.9 Ha) at Lands North of Old Connaught Avenue, in the Townland of Old Connaught, Bray, Co. Dublin. The proposed residential development site forms the first phase provided for under the Old Connaught Local Area Plan. The site is generally bounded by agricultural lands to the north, the M11 to the east, Old Connaught Avenue to the south and Festina Lente equestrian centre to the west. The proposed development is referred to as Old Connaught Phase A1. The proposed development comprises 271no. dwellings, in a mix of houses, duplex units and apartments, 1no. creche (c.574 sq m), and all associated and ancillary site development, landscape and boundary treatment works.

The proposed housing mix comprises: 103 houses (22 X 4-bed, 68 X 3-bed, 13 X 2-bed) ranging from 2 to 3 storeys. 162 apartments and 6 duplexes accommodated in a terrace and 4 apartment blocks, including: - Block 1: 54 apartments (19 X 1-bed, 4 X 2-bed (3-person), 25 X 2-bed (4-person)) in a 1 to 5-storey building and 6 X 3-bed duplex units in a 3-storey terrace. - Block 2: 41 apartments (9 X 1-bed, 9 2-bed (3-person). 23 X 2-bed (4-person)) in a 1 to 5-storey building. - Block 3: 38 apartments (13 X 1-bed, 11 X 2-bed (3-person), 14 X 2-bed (4-person)) and a ground floor creche (574 sqm) with associated outdoor play area (c.225.4 sq m), a 1 to 5-storey building. - Block 4: 35 apartments (8 X 1-bed, 11 X 2-bed (3-person), 16 X 2-bed (4-person)) in a 1 to 4-storey building. Associated and ancillary site development and infrastructure work, include: On-site attenuation; hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works including public open space (totalling c. 4,519 sq m) in 2 areas identified as POS1 (1,232 sq m) and POS2 (3,287 sq m) incorporating the existing veteran Oak tree to be retained; communal open space (totalling c. 1,154 sqm) in 3 areas identified as COS1 (253 sq m), COS2 (723 sqm) and COS3 (178 sq m); components of the regional attenuation pond to the north east of the site; 5no. ESB substations. Vehicular site access from Old Connaught Avenue, via a proposed new primary North-South street that includes active travel infrastructure and a 7m wide LUAS reservation corridor running parallel to the east of the primary North-South street. A section of the East-West link road, including active travel, will also be provided for along the northern boundary of the site. A total of 289 car parking spaces comprising 241 surface spaces (inclusive of 11 visitor spaces, 2 ESB spaces, 2 Go-Car (shared) spaces, and 9 disabled spaces) and 48 undercroft spaces (inclusive of 2 disabled spaces), 20% of residential car parking spaces equipped with Electric Vehicle charging points. 435 bicycle parking spaces, including 351resident spaces and 84 visitor spaces. 12 motorbike parking spaces., Ancillary stores serving the houses, duplex units and apartments. The proposed development includes the construction of a new pumping station, associated single storey building and ESB substation, twin rising mains extending c.400m along Old Connaught Avenue to connect to the existing gravity foul network on Old Connaught Avenue c.125m east of the M11 bridge, and associated storage, together with all associated enabling site development and reinstatement works. The Planning Application may be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.OldConnaughtPhaseA1LRD.ie

D26A/0729 Seeking Permission (RED III) Date: 28-Sep-2026
Dun Laoghaire Golf Club, Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, A98F653
Permission sought for a 100% Renewable Energy Ground Mounted Solar Array consisting of up to 1,200 No. Solar PV panels (c.600kWp), 20m2 Inverter Enclosure and all associated works. (RED III Application - Renewable Energy Directive)This application is subject to a completeness check.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D26A/0008/WEB Grant Permission Date: 15/09/2026
Amirite Limited, a site containing Barn Close, Barn Close Lodge, Beechlands and Shanganagh Castle, on the Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Dublin 18 (Protected Structure)
The application site is bound by Shanganagh Road to the east, Florenceville (a protected structure) and Mill Lane to the north, and Broomfield Court and Seaview Lawn / Park residential areas to the west. The site contains Shanganagh Castle (a recorded archaeological monument - RMP Ref.: 026-031001), Beechlands House and Barn Close (both protected structures, RPS Ref.: No. 1784 and 1785 respectively). The proposed development consists of the following: Demolition of the bungalow (Barn Close Lodge) located on the eastern boundary of the site and existing outbuildings and structures on the application site. Refurbishment of Beechlands House and Barn Close as 2 X 5 bed dwellings. Provision of a total of 68 residential units, comprising:29 X 2 storey 3 bed houses to be provided in a mix of terraces, semi-detached and detached houses; 8 X duplex units comprising 4 X 2 bed units and 4 X 3 bed units, in a terrace of 4 no. 3 storey duplexes, each comprising 1 X 2 bed at ground

level and 1 X 3 bed at upper levels; First-storey outdoor terraces are provided on the southern elevation of the duplexes. 31 apartments comprising 9 X 1 bed apartments and 22 X 2 bed apartments, within a part 3 and part 4 storey apartment block. Balconies are provided for all apartments on the eastern, western and south-western elevations. Retention and structural works to Shanganagh Castle and incorporation into a landscaped area which is publicly accessible. Vehicular and pedestrian access via an upgrade of the existing entrance from Shanganagh Road. The proposal includes alterations and improvements to Shanganagh Road, including provision of footpath and new pedestrian crossing to the south. A road reservation is provided for on the southeastern portion of the site to cater for the Six Year Road Objective to upgrade Shanganagh Road. The development also includes 73 car parking spaces (59 at surface level and 14 at ground level within the apartment building), 101 cycle parking spaces (26 at surface level and 31 at ground level within the apartment building and 44 spaces in free-standing secure enclosures). Infrastructural works include foul and surface water drainage, landscaping, provision of public and communal open space, boundary treatment, lighting, landscaping, bin stores and PV panels at roof level and all associated site works.

D26A/0437/WEB Grant Permission Date: 23/09/2026
The Trustees & Select Vestry of St James' Church, Crinken Church (St James' Church), (A Protected Structure), Cork Little, Shankill, Bray, A98 VX58
Permission for a terrace of three, two-story, three-bed houses with south-facing balconies with associated siteworks – including demolition of garden shed – all accessed from within the church grounds.

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APPEALS DECISION BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

D26B/0126/WEB Grant Permission Appeal Decided: 23/09/2026
Council Decision: Grant permission for retention
Jon Garaba & Diane McCabe, 2 Eaton Wood Avenue, Shankill, D18PC42
Retention permission for canopy and garden shed to rear of house.

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